

We Shall Be the Light

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INTRO ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 84$)

Keyboard *f*

F G Em Am F G7 Em

Dm7 C/E C/F G F/G

C

VERSES 1,2
mf Cantor

All

1. Stand - ing by — a friend — in need, — } we shall be — the light, —
 2. Un - der bush - els, nev - er hid - den, }

mf

C G

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*Cue notes are an alternative (higher) melody.

1-2. we shall be the light, be the light of God.

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef and contains the lyrics "1-2. we shall be the light, be the light of God." The piano accompaniment is in bass clef and includes chords labeled F, C, and G.

Cantor **All**

1. In our words and in our deeds, we shall be the light,
2. Saved by grace, in love for - giv - en,

The second system of music features a Cantor line and piano accompaniment. The Cantor line is in treble clef and contains two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in bass clef and includes chords labeled C and G.

1-2. we shall be the light of God.

The third system of music consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef and contains the lyrics "1-2. we shall be the light of God." The piano accompaniment is in bass clef and includes chords labeled F and C.

REFRAIN

All Cantor

We shall be the light of God, a light for all the world

F G C Dm7 C/G

All Cantor

to see; be the light of God, a cit - y on a hill.

G F G C Dm7 Gsus4

All

Though the path is dark, your word's a lamp un-to our feet

G F G Em Am F G7 Em

for all who seek to be the light of God.

Dm7 C/E C/F G F/G

1st time: *D.S.*

C

1st time: *D.S.*

Descant (2nd time only)

We shall be___ the light!___

Melody

God's light___ is burn - ing, God's light___ is burn - ing in___ us.

C

div.

We shall be___ the light!___

God's light___ is burn - ing, God's light___ is burn - ing in___ us.

C

VERSE 3: All

3. Out of dark - ness we shall come; we shall be the light,

3. we shall be the light, be the light of God.

3. Like a can - dle in the night, we shall be the light,

3. we shall be the light of God.

Chord markings: D, A, G, D

We Shall Be the Light

REFRAIN: All

Melody

We shall be the light of God, a light for all the world

Harmony

We shall be the light of God, Oo

G A D Em7 D/A

to see; be the light of God, a

be the light of God,

A G A D

cit - y on a hill. Though the path is dark,

Oo Though the path is dark,

Em7 A sus4 A G A F#m

We Shall Be the Light

— your word's — a lamp un - to — our feet — for

Bm G A7 F#m

1
all who seek to be the light of God. We shall
all who seek, be the light of God. We shall

Em7 D/F# D/G A G/A

2
Melody I
Harmony

Melody I
Harmony

Melody II
God's light is burn - ing, God's light is burn - ing in us.

Melody II
D

Descant

We shall be ___ the light! _____

(Melody)

God's light ___ is burn - ing, God's light ___ is burn - ing in ___ us.

D

We shall be ___ the light! _____

God's light ___ is burn - ing, God's light ___ is burn - ing in ___ us.

D

div.

We shall be ___ the light! _____

God's light ___ is burn - ing, God's light ___ is burn - ing in ___ us.

D

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'We Shall Be the Light'. It is organized into three systems. Each system includes a vocal line with a descant, a melody line, and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'We shall be the light!', 'God's light is burning, God's light is burning in us.', and 'We shall be the light!'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand, with a 'D' chord indicated above the first two systems. A large, semi-transparent watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system includes a vocal line with lyrics: "We shall be the light! God's light is burning, God's light is burning in us." and a piano accompaniment. The second system includes a vocal line with lyrics: "We shall be the light! Be the light of God! God's light is burning. Be the light of God!" and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a treble line with chords and moving lines. Chord markings include D, Em7, G/A, and D. Dynamics include *ff* and *8vb*.

Performance Notes

This is an uplifting and joyful song. It would be appropriate for use any time as both a gathering song or song of sending forth. It is particularly suitable for celebrations during Catholic Schools Week, for youth retreats and rallies, as a kick-off to service outreach projects, or during the season of Advent. This versatile song offers a bridge ("God's light is burning in us") which can be repeated as many times as you wish to build musically, confirming that each person carries the light of Christ within them.

—J.V. and M.F.

We Shall Be the Light

(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 84)

F G Em Am F G7 Em

f

(Keyboard)

Dm7 C/E C/F G F/G C 3

VERSES 1,2

mf Cantor C G All

1. Stand - ing by ___ a friend ___ in need, ___ } we shall be ___ the light, ___
 2. Un - der bush - els, nev - er hid - den, }

F C G

1-2. we shall be ___ the light, ___ be the light ___ of God. ___

C Cantor G All

1. In our words ___ and in ___ our deeds, ___ } we shall be ___ the light, ___
 2. Saved by grace, ___ in love ___ for - giv - en, }

F C

1-2. we shall be ___ the light ___ of God.

REFRAIN

All F G C Cantor Dm7 C/G

We shall be the light ___ of God, ___ a light for all ___ the world _

G F G C Cantor Dm7 Gsus4

___ to see; ___ be the light ___ of God, ___ a cit - y on ___ a hill. _

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G F G Em Am
 All
 Though the path is dark, your word's a

F G7 Em Dm7 C/E C/F G
 lamp un - to our feet for all who seek to

F/G C 1st time: D.S.
 be the light of God.

C Descant (2nd time only)
 We shall be the light!

Melody
 God's light is burn - ing, God's light is burn - ing in us.

C div.
 We shall be the light!

God's light is burn - ing, God's light is burn - ing in us.

VERSE 3: All

f D A
 3. Out of dark - ness we shall come; we shall be the light,

G D A
 3. we shall be the light, be the light of God.

D A

3. Like a can - dle in the night, we shall be the light,

G D

3. we shall be the light of God.

REFRAIN: All

G A D Em7 D/A

We shall be the light of God, a light for all the world

A G A D Em7 Asus4

to see; be the light of God, a cit - y on a hill.

A G A F#m Bm G A7 F#m

Though the path is dark, your word's a lamp un-to our feet

Em7 D/F# D/G A G/A

for all who seek to be the light of God. We shall

1 D

2 D

Melody I

Melody II

God's light is burn - ing, God's light is burn - ing in us.

D
Descant

We shall be the light!

(Melody)

God's light is burn - ing, God's light is burn - ing in us.

D

We shall be the light!

God's light is burn - ing, God's light is burn - ing in us.

D *div.*

We shall be the light!

God's light is burn - ing, God's light is burn - ing in us.

D

We shall be the light!

God's light is burn - ing, God's light is burn - ing in us.

D *ff* **Em7** **G/A** **D**

We shall be the light! Be the light of God!

ff

God's light is burn - ing. Be the light of God!

Assembly Edition

WE SHALL BE THE LIGHT

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VERSES 1, 2
Cantor All

1. Stand-ing by_ a friend_ in need,_____ } we shall be_ the light,_
2. Un - der bush - els, nev - er hid - den, }

1-2. _____ we shall be_ the light, _____ be the light_ of God. _____

Cantor All

1. In our words_ and in_ our deeds, _____ } we shall be_ the light,_
2. Saved by grace,_ in love_ for - giv - en, }

1-2. _____ we shall be_ the light_ of God. _____

REFRAIN
All Cantor

We shall be the light_ of God, _____ a light for all_ the world_

_____ to see;_ be the light_ of God, _____ a cit - y on_ a hill. _____

All

Though the path_ is dark, _____ your word's_ a lamp un-to_ our feet _____

1st time: to Verse 2
2

for all who seek to be the light_ of God. _____

God's light_ is burn - ing, God's light_ is burn - ing in_ us.

God's light_ is burn - ing, God's light_ is burn - ing in_ us.

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WE SHALL BE THE LIGHT (Continued)

VERSE 3: All

3. Out of dark - ness we ___ shall come; ___ we shall be ___ the light, ___

3. we shall be ___ the light, ___ be the light ___ of God. ___

3. Like a can - dle in ___ the night, ___ we shall be ___ the light, ___

REFRAIN: All

3. we shall be ___ the light ___ of God. We shall

be the light ___ of God, ___ a light for all ___ the world ___ to see; -

be the light ___ of God, ___ a cit - y on ___ a hill. ___

Though the path ___ is dark, ___ your word's ___ a lamp un-to ___ our feet ___

1
for all who seek to be the light ___ of God. ___ We shall

2
be the light ___ of God's ___ light ___ is burn - ing,

God's light ___ is burn - ing in ___ us. God's light ___ is burn - ing,

God's light ___ is burn - ing in ___ us. God's light ___ is burn -

ing, God's light ___ is burn - ing in ___ us.

God's light ___ is burn - ing. Be the light ___ of God!